## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.  (Currently Amended)  A dishonest registration preventive apparatus in a personal authentication system, which collates an image obtained by photographing ~~of~~ a person with a beforehand registered image to authenticate the person on the basis of results of the collation, the apparatus comprising:

> detection means for detecting positions ~~of a predetermined part~~ of the person from a plurality of images acquired by consecutively photographing the ~~predetermined part~~ person,

> calculation means for calculating a variation between a position of the person at ~~this~~ a current time and a position of the person at ~~the last~~ a previous time ~~for a second position and subsequent positions~~, which are detected by the detection means,

> determination means for comparing ~~a~~ the variation calculated by the calculation means with a predetermined threshold to determine that an image of the plurality of images is ~~at this time as~~ a registrable image when the variation does not amount to the threshold and to determine that the image of the plurality of images is ~~at this time as~~ an unregistrable image when the variation exceeds the threshold, and

> storage means for registering and storing images, which are determined by the determination means to be registrable.

2.      (Currently Amended)  The dishonest registration preventive apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the determination means determines the image <u>of</u> <u>the plurality of images</u> ~~at this time~~ to be unregistrable when the variation calculated by the calculation means is over the threshold, and determines that those images among the plurality of images, which are acquired subsequent to the image <u>of the plurality of images</u> ~~at this time~~ having been determined to be unregistrable, are all unregistrable.

3.      (Currently Amended)  A dishonest registration preventive apparatus in a personal authentication system, which collates an image obtained by photographing of a person with a beforehand registered image to authenticate the person on the basis of results of the collation, the apparatus comprising<u>:</u>

        detection means for detecting positions of ~~a predetermined part of~~ the person from a plurality of images acquired by consecutively photographing the ~~predetermined part~~ <u>person</u>,

        measurement means for measuring an interval until a position at ~~this~~ <u>a</u> <u>current</u> time is detected after a position at ~~the last~~ <u>a previous</u> time is detected, ~~for a second position and subsequent positions,~~ which are detected by the detection means,

        determination means for comparing ~~an~~ <u>the</u> interval measured by the measurement means with a predetermined threshold to determine ~~an~~ <u>that</u> <u>a current</u> image ~~at this time as~~ <u>is</u> a registrable image when the interval does not amount to the threshold and to determine <u>that</u> the <u>current</u> image

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at this time as is an unregistrable image when the interval exceeds the

threshold, and

storage means for registering and storing images, which are determined

by the determination means to be registrable.

4.      (Currently Amended)  The dishonest registration preventive apparatus

according to claim 3, wherein the determination means determines the <u>current</u>

image at this time to be unregistrable when the interval measured by the

measurement means is over the threshold, and determines that those images

among the plurality of images, which are acquired subsequent to the <u>current</u>

image at this time having been determined to be unregistrable, are all

unregistrable.

5.      (Currently Amended)  A dishonest registration preventive apparatus in a

personal authentication system, which collates an image obtained by

photographing of a person with a beforehand registered image to authenticate

the person on the basis of results of the collation, the apparatus comprising<u>:</u>

        detection means for detecting positions of a predetermined part of the

        person from a plurality of images acquired by consecutively

        photographing the predetermined part,

        calculation means for calculating a variation between a position at this

        time and a position at the last <u>a previous</u> time for a second position and

        subsequent positions, which are detected by the detection means,

measurement means for measuring an interval until a position at this time is detected after a position at the last time is detected, ~~for a second position and subsequent positions,~~ which are detected by the detection means,

determination means for comparing ~~a~~ the variation calculated by the calculation means with a first predetermined threshold and comparing ~~an~~ the interval measured by the measurement means with a second predetermined threshold to determine an image at this time as a registrable image when the variation and the interval do not amount to the respective thresholds and to determine the image at this time as an unregistrable image when the variation or the interval is over the respective threshold, and

storage means for registering and storing images, which are determined by the determination means to be registrable.

6.      (Currently Amended)  The dishonest registration preventive apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the determination means determines the image at this time to be unregistrable when the variation or the interval is over the respective threshold/ and determines that those ~~Images~~ images among the plurality of images, which are acquired subsequent to the image at this time having been determined to be unregistrable, are all unregistrable.